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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q76336

Hyou TAKAHASHI, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/606,845

Group Art Unit: 1752

Confirmation No.: 4812

Examiner: LE, Hoa Van

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For: RESIST COMPOSITION

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES AND RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This response is to the Election of Species and Restriction Requirement mailed
September 3, 2004.

Election of Species

In response the election of species requirement stated in paragraph B.1. of the Action, Applicants elect compound A-1 as a species of the structure of formula (1), without traverse.

In response to the election of species requirement stated in paragraph B.2., Applicants elect compound R-20 as a species of the alkali soluble resin, without traverse.

In response to the election of species requirement stated in paragraph B.3., Applicants elect compound MM-1 as a species of the crosslinking agent, without traverse.

In response to the election of species requirement stated in paragraph B.4., Applicants elect compound R-20 as a species of the resin, without traverse.

In response to the election of species requirement stated in paragraph B.5., Applicants elect compound OE-2 as a species of the nitrogen-containing basic compound, without traverse.

In response to the election of species requirement stated in paragraph B.6., Applicants elect compound A-1 as a species of the counter ion, without traverse.

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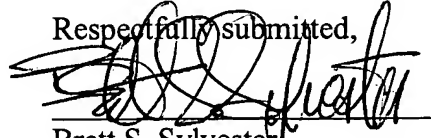
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Restriction Requirement

In response to the restriction requirement stated in section C. at page 5 of the Action, Applicants elect group II (that is, claims 2-4, 6, 9-10, 12, 17-20 and 21), without traverse.

An Action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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